



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
SQUAW VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 4, 2014**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council (SVMAC) was held on Thursday September 4, 2014 in the Squaw Valley Public Service District Community Meeting Room.

1. Call to Order

ROMACK called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Romack, Sheehan, Heneveld, Lange, and Strange

MEMBERS ABSENT: Georgiu and Adriani

STAFF PRESENT: Montgomery, Kastan, and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda

KASTAN asked that Item 8D be removed from the agenda due to a family emergency.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. HENEVELD/STRANGE/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of August 7, 2014

LANGE/HENEVELD/UNANIMOUS

5. Supervisor / Tahoe Field Representative Reports

KASTAN reported the Squaw Valley Pickleball request for Park Dedication Fees will be heard by the Parks Commission on September 26, 2014.

SUPERVISOR MONTGOMERY reported on upcoming events and workshops, including one on how global climate change impacts urban and rural water. The Placer County Sheriff's Department has a new notification system that contacts people via cell phone and land lines in the event of emergencies. Register and get more information at www.placer-alert.org.

MONTGOMERY has met with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding management of the bear population in the Tahoe area. Although the County has been taking responsibility, it is not reimbursed and really is under the purview of Fish and Wildlife.

At next week's Board of Supervisor's meeting, the budget for FY 2014/15 should be adopted. MONTGOMERY reviewed details of the budget.

HENEVELD noted Edmond Sullivan retirement from the County. He was a great advocate for the lower Squaw Creek Restoration and other environmental projects. HENEVELD asked who will take his place. MONTGOMERY said she and Supervisor Weygand encouraged the County CEO to hire an environmental planner, but Michael Johnson selected a developmental planner. Losing Sullivan is a huge loss, particularly as regards watershed issues.

6. Community Reports

MIKE GEARY, General Manager of the Squaw Valley Public Service District (SVPSD) reported the Board approved Stage 2 Drought Restrictions, per the state mandate. He explained what that means.

Placer County Sheriff's POP (Problem Oriented Policing) Deputy GARY MCCLAUGHRY reported there are many people in town training for the September 21 Ironman event. The Department has also been dealing with people returning from Burning Man and camping where no camping is allowed. The bears are getting active again. Be aware and if your neighbors are leaving for the season, suggest they turn off gas mains.

SHEEHAN reported there was a large audience for the recent LAFCO meeting. The next meeting is September 10 at the Northstar Firestation.

7. Public Comment

HENEVELD announced Friends of Squaw Creek is hosting the annual Creek Clean Up Day on September 20th.

HENEVELD said that as zoning changes are being considered, they should only be allowed if there is benefit to the community and environment, not just for the gain of one individual. He questioned if the County has standards or requirements for zoning changes. HENEVELD noted this issue is looming huge in Squaw Valley for at least three near-term projects.

BEV DUCEY asked that when the North Tahoe area plans are completed, the Squaw Valley General Plan be updated before any zoning changes are approved.

8. Information Non-Action Items

A. Expansion of High Speed Internet to Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley- Bev Ducey, Program Manager, Tahoe Prosperity Center

BEV DUCEY reported the Tahoe Prosperity Center is spearheading a basin-wide effort to address challenges, including lack of high-speed connections in the area. A survey is being done to document underserved areas, including Squaw and Alpine. She distributed information and encouraged everyone to sign up on line for the survey. The results will help get funding to remedy the situation.

DUCEY noted Suddenlink is waiting for final permits to bring high-speed capability to the Truckee River corridor, including Squaw and Alpine, but in case they do not receive approval, this survey will be crucial.

B. Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District Report – Angela Falco and Joel Buttener, Public Information Officer

JOEL BUTTENER introduced ANGELA FALCO, who is now in the Tahoe office full-time. He explained what the District does, the collaboration with neighboring counties, and the enhanced services to the Tahoe area.

FALCO explained the work done year-round to abate the mosquito and yellow-jackets in this area. She described the testing done on insects, ticks, dead birds and rodents to identify potential disease.

BUTTENER and FALCO answered questions from the Council and the public regarding the work done by the District and how to contact them if dead birds, mice, etc. are found. A question was asked about keeping mice issues under control since the state has banned D-Con. It was agreed that traps are the best alternative.

C. Single Family and Charter School Development at Creeks End Court Introduction – Vince Sosnkowski

VINCE SOSNKOWSKI presented the proposal for a residential development on the 19.9 acres near the entrance to the Valley. He is proposing 55 single family homes on .28 acre lots. The property is zoned high-density. SOSNKOWSKI acknowledged his involvement with the proposed school, but is stepping out of that role for this project.

Questions from the Council followed regarding clarification of the property boundaries and the proposed project. The topic was open to public comment.

DAVID STEPNER asked about the timeframe, which is unknown at this point. STEPNER asked if this project was considered in the recently completed Water Supply Assessment. GEARY said this was not in the list of specific parcels, but it was in the overall general projection. STEPNER said when this site was being considered for the Olympic Museum, one hurdle was the sewer line. That will have to be addressed with Placer County.

MONTGOMERY noted correspondence from the Olympic Museum Foundation that they are not interested in the 7-11 area site and will continue to work on securing a location in Squaw Valley Park.

WALTER NELSON asked about the homes to be built. SOSNKOWSKI said the strategy is to offer home sites for individual buyers to develop, however some could be pre-developed.

KAREN POHLE asked about another development that was proposed for this site. SOSNKOWSKI acknowledged there is a long history to this property.

ERIC POULSEN said future access should be considered through his adjoining property. Also, POULSEN has been in conversations with the Museum people. Even if they use the park for the museum, there could be sewer challenges and he encouraged SOSNKOWSKI to open discussions with them.

Public comment was closed. LANGE asked for a copy of the map SOSNKOWSKI showed as part of his presentation.

D. Mancuso Family Dwellings Project Introduction – Ciro Mancuso

This item was removed from today's agenda.

9. MAC Member Reports / Sub-Committee Reports

A. Squaw Valley Design Review – Kevin Strange

STRANGE reported the Committee met today and approved the application for a garage on Squaw Valley Road. The Committee approved sending a letter to Placer County regarding the Toyota display, which the Committee feels is within their purview.

B. Shirley Canyon Trails – Alisa Adriani

ROMACK reported Volunteer Trail Day on August 23 was a big success with other agencies involved and 31 volunteers helping. The Committee is still hoping to partner with Squaw on the Shirley Canyon trail.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Possible zoning changes for the Squaw project
- Placer County Older Adult Advisory Commission Update

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – October 2, 2014 at 6:00 PM

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary